

LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

NEW LONDON COUNTY

GALES FERRY

Burial of Mrs. Amelia Stoddard—Social and Religious Interests.

The body of Mrs. Amelia Stoddard, a former resident of Gales Ferry and Norwich, who died last week at the home of her grandson, Howard Gray at East Lexington, Mass., was brought here on Friday for burial beside her husband, Romone Stoddard in the village cemetery.

Miss Jennie Perkins, a student at the Northfield seminary in East Northfield, Mass., is spending the Christmas recess at her home here.

Attended Entertainment.

A party of nine from the village including Rev. and Mrs. C. Wilson Harrison, Mrs. Emma Harrison, Mrs. J. M. Sweet and guest, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Charles Sweet and the Messrs. Clarence Sweet, Grover Norcross and Richard Brownwell attended the entertainment and sale at the Brewster's Neck chapel on Tuesday evening.

Charles J. Pierce, engineer of the steamer Richard Fox, called last week on a vacation at his home at Allen's Point.

Miss Mabel Smith visited her aunt, Miss Emma Perkins in Groton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lucius Brown of Norwich was a recent caller in the village.

Home Missionary Service.

A home missionary service was held at the M. E. church on Thursday evening last week in place of the weekly prayer meeting. C. E. Colver, superintendent of the Sunday school, presided.

Rev. C. Wilson Harrison and his mother, sister Emma Harrison, who was formerly with the London, England, mission, gave interesting accounts of their work in England and Ireland. Songs were rendered by Sister Harrison and Miss Grace Chapman with special music by the choir. Reports were given by Miss Laura Perkins and Miss Kate B. Colver of the work of the local auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary society.

Christmas Tree.

The entertainment and Christmas tree arranged for the children of the Gales Ferry Sunday school will be held at the M. E. church this (Saturday) evening. The Christmas cantata which the choir has been rehearsing under the direction of Miss Susan Matthews will be given on Sunday evening in place of the Epworth League service.

Mrs. Martha Noyes who has been the guest of Mrs. Susan Matthews for the past two weeks returned to Mystic Wednesday.

MOHEGAN

Surprise Party for Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Fowler, Jr.—Christmas Tree for Sunday School.

There was a large attendance at church Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fowler, Jr. attended church in this place Sunday.

George Cooke of Bristol, Conn., is visiting friends in this place.

Mrs. Gertrude Cooke of Norwich was a visitor here on Sunday.

Mrs. Rachel Davis of Mystic was the guest Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harris.

Mrs. Julian Harris of Norwich called on local friends Sunday.

Mrs. Matthews who has been sick with a cold is slowly recovering.

About twenty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Fowler, Jr. gave them a surprise Monday evening.

The Sunday school is getting ready for their Christmas tree Wednesday evening.

GOSHEN

Ten-Inch Ice Being Stored—Christmas in Day and Sunday Schools.

The mission circle held a successful sale and social in Academy hall on Saturday evening.

Farmer John Hill have been busy filling their ice houses, the last few days. The ice is of excellent quality, ten inches thick.

The Sunday school is in Williamette, Ill with appendicitis.

Schools closed Friday for two weeks vacation. These were interesting literary exercises and a Christmas tree with gifts for the pupils.

The Sunday school will hold their Christmas concert and exercises on Sunday afternoon at 1:30.

CAMPBELL'S MILLS

William W. Tanner is confined to his bed, being very feeble. Mr. Tanner was 91 last Monday.

Mrs. P. B. Sanders has been ill for the past two months with no improvement.

Mrs. Hannah Dixon is confined to her room, being very feeble.

James H. Dixon is moving his saw-mill to the Lewis lot, near Beach pond.

RAWSON

Mr. and Mrs. George Kimball have been making a brief visit with relatives in Paxton on Friday evening.

Miss Ethel Lewis of Guilford is the guest of her mother over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clapp of Williamette spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Kenyon.

L. C. Stocking, Frank Phillips, Merion Phillips and John Stone were Williamette visitors on Wednesday.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

SOUTH WINDHAM.

School Holds Christmas Exercises—Here and There About the Town.

Mrs. John Adams, who was taken to St. Joseph's hospital on Sunday, is seriously ill.

William Maine is soon to remove his hand saw factory to Jackson street, Williamette.

The two rooms of the South Windham school unit will be used for Christmas entertainment on Friday afternoon, a number of parents and friends being present, and a pleasant hour was enjoyed.

George Swan had the misfortune to cut his hand badly on Monday. One finger was nearly severed from the hand.

Jean Hines is at home for the Christmas holidays.

The Sunday school held its annual Christmas exercises on Friday evening. The Rev. and Mrs. Harry Grimes were presented a large water color painting during the evening.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Installation at the Grange—Birthday Surprise Party.

The officers of Canterbury grange, No. 76, were installed last Wednesday evening by Mrs. Addie C. Hyde, worthy Pomona of the Connecticut State grange, assisted by Charles S. Hyde, a past master of Canterbury grange. No. 15. After the installation a fine supper was served by the ladies.

The friends of C. C. Frink gave him a surprise party on his birthday last week Friday evening.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Wells Celebrate Silver Wedding—Local Items.

The pastor was called to Sudbury last week to attend the funeral of a friend.

The Rev. W. G. Fennell, D. D., pastor of the South Woodstock church, gave an excellent lecture on New Zealand at the local church on Friday evening. In spite of the low temperature a fair audience came and gave Dr. Fennell a hearty vote of thanks for his treat.

On Monday next Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Safford are to start for Los Angeles, Cal. where they will spend the winter months.

The Christmas celebration of the Sunday school will be held on Saturday evening.

Celebrated Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary.

An event of unusual interest in our community was the celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Wells on Tuesday evening of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

Their friends had planned a surprise and were happy in carrying it out successfully. A large company gathered at their home. A piano duet was rendered by Misses Frances Eldridge and Gladys Sheldon. Mrs. L. B. Curtis made an address in behalf of the Ladies' Aid society, of which Mrs. Wells is a member, presenting her with a generous sum for purchasing table linen, and the Curtis family presented her with a silver service.

Other choice gifts were sterling silver tablespoons and a beautiful silver berry spoon. Delicious refreshments were served.

MOOSUP

Burial of Frank L. Spalding—Bijou Moving Picture Theatre Closes.

The body of Frank L. Spalding who died suddenly last Sunday afternoon at Plenix, R. I., was brought to this village last Thursday afternoon for burial in Moosup cemetery. Mr. Spalding's early boyhood days were passed in Moosup with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spalding, who owned a Baptist church. For a time he was associated with his father as assistant at the Moosup station. Upon the death of the father he was appointed station agent at Plenix, R. I., which place he has held for thirty-five years. He was 46 years of age.

He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Central Village. Last Sunday afternoon while calling on some friends he was stricken with a stroke of apoplexy and lived only a short time.

Eighty-first Birthday.

Deacon J. S. Jones observed very quietly but with his eighty-first birthday last Sunday. Friends were present from Chaplain, Bristol, Manchester and Aponeau. The deacon received a large number of gifts from his friends and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

Bijou Theatre Closes.

The Bijou moving picture theatre for a year or so run by Mr. Wilcox has been closed for business here, and the both have been purchased by Stevens & Jackson of the People's theatre.

Henry Cote of Norwich visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Turcott the past week.

Mrs. Edgar Owens is ill with typhoid fever. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill who has been confined to her bed for several days is slowly improving.

HAMPTON

Entertainment Given by Center School—Notes of Local Interest.

Miss L. Louise Kimball, teacher of Center school, closed a successful term last Friday by giving an entertainment in the grange hall. It was enjoyed by a large number of friends.

Mrs. E. W. McGuire of Brooklyn, N. Y., are Christmas guests of Dr. Guild.

The ice men are harvesting good 10-inch ice.

Mrs. John C. Fenton and Miss Mary Perkins are spending the holidays in Northport, Mass.

Rev. John S. Porter speaks in Congregational Church—Local Notes.

The prayer meeting on next Friday evening will be held at the home of Deacon Edmond. The first of these cottage meetings was held last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. W. C. Porter.

Rev. John S. Porter, a missionary from the province of Bohemia, in Austria, spoke in the Congregational church last Sunday evening. Mr. Porter is now enjoying a furlough in this country, and the people here were glad of an opportunity to hear him, on account of his work and some of his experiences there. Particularly interesting to the audience was the fact that he was born in Gilead, Ct., and attended church there during his boyhood days.

A Christmas concert will be given in the church next Sunday morning.

School is closed for the holidays for the holiday vacation on Friday. Miss Lila Ogden, the teacher, will spend the vacation with her parents in Rockport.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Clark of Central Village visited Mrs. Sybil Baker on Sunday.

Miss Izola Merrifield has been confined to her home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwood Return from Wedding Trip—Local Happenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton W. Atwood have returned from their wedding trip and will spend the holidays with Mrs. C. W. Atwood.

Mrs. Augustus Bergeson is spending the winter at Crompton, R. I.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Edson Ormsbee on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Morrison entertained Robert Watson, Jr. on Friday evening.

Samuel Blydenham is confined to the house with a severe cold.

Dorothy Ormsbee is ill with influenza.

Miss Jennie Reddy has returned from a four weeks' visit in Brooklyn.

CLARK'S FALLS

N. P. Main Shoots Large Otter—Here and There About the Village.

A. M. Clark intends to fill his ice-house as soon as possible. The ice is eight inches thick on his pond.

An otter that weighed fourteen pounds was shot by N. P. Main Tuesday morning.

Pup buyers have been paying over \$20 for a good pup, but they are not worth quite as much now.

The funeral of Smith Main was held at the Second Baptist church Wednesday, Rev. William Quayle officiating. Interment was in Union cemetery.

Mrs. Carrie M. Wheeler closed her school in this village on Friday for the Christmas vacation. An entertainment and Christmas tree was enjoyed in the chapel Thursday evening.

CENTRAL VILLAGE

Plans for Christmas Tree This Evening—Various Local Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Cooper who have had hard attacks of grip, are better. Their daughter, Miss Beatrice is slowly regaining her health.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Richmond left for Norfolk, Cal., Monday evening to care for Mr. Richmond's brother, Charles, who is an invalid.

Mrs. William Simmons visited her daughter, Mrs. John Vaughn in Norwich Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gouche of Plymouth, Mass., are spending a few days with Gouche's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan.

Miss Mae Elliott was in Jewett City Tuesday to attend the funeral of Dr. Daniel Driscoll.

Mrs. George Bliven, wife of Sheriff Bliven is confined to her home by illness.

Miss Rose Beaudry of Wilbraham academy is spending her vacation at her home.

Mr. John Craft remains ill. Mrs. Erastus Fiske of Killingly is caring for her.

Master Carl Trudeau of Moosup is spending a week here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Caplette and daughter, Blanche have been in Putnam attending the anniversary mass in memory of Mr. Caplette's mother who died two years ago.

Mrs. John Stone of Norwich visited her father, Nathaniel Thompson Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Dart of Groton has been spending several days here caring for her mother, Mrs. Arthur Williams who is recovering from a severe throat trouble.

Mrs. George Loring has been entertaining Mrs. Myrtle Maguire of Webster, Mass.

Miss Annie Wood of New Haven hospital has been the guest of Miss Mae Elliott.

Paul Darrow, formerly telegraph operator at the railroad station has been transferred to Webster, Mass.

Mrs. Anna Spaulding and daughters, Ruth and Pauline, have been Boston visitors this week.

Jack Capwell was in Norwich Tuesday.

Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Sarah Day is seriously ill with pneumonia at her home in Danielson. She was a resident here for many years and was 72 years of age when she went to Danielson with her daughter, Mrs. Cosmo Young.

Miss Marjorie Stevens of Providence is visiting her cousin, Miss Edna Lillibridge.

Christmas Tree This Evening.

Mrs. E. Hoxie Lillibridge and Mrs. L. Howard Cross spent Tuesday in Norwich purchasing gifts for the Sunday school tree which will be held at the church vestry this (Saturday) evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thayer of Putnam spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Thayer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Seguin, celebrating the fourth anniversary of their marriage.

Rev. and Mrs. George Benedict and daughter, Edith and Pauline, have gone to North Abington, Mass., to spend a week.

Guests of Miss Marlor.

Miss Louise Tillingshast and Helen Matthews were in Brooklyn Monday guests at the home of Miss Ruth Marshall where a Christmas tree was held by the Young Ladies' club of which they are members.

Mrs. Israel Seguin and daughter, Rose spent Wednesday in Norwich.

Mrs. Lester who has been very ill is better.

Frank Harrington will move into William Dean's cottage on River street recently vacated by Everett Richmond.

NORTH STERLING

Burial of Clarence A. Young—Ten-Inch Ice Harvested.

The body of Clarence A. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Young of Baltic was brought here Wednesday for burial in the family lot at the "Life Store" cemetery.

F. O. Plummer has had a number of men filling his icehouse this week with ice. The ice was of excellent quality.

Mrs. Henry H. Crowell of Willington, Del., has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Spooner the past week.

Two Foxes Shot.

George Pierce and Charles Tyler each shot a fox on Wednesday last week.

Mrs. Edward Adams is ill.

Mrs. George H. Potter has returned from several weeks visiting in Moosup Valley.

Mrs. E. P. Harvey has been sick the past week.

Titus school closed Friday for two weeks' vacation. The teacher, Miss Sharpe gave the pupils a fine time with a Christmas tree well filled with presents.

CHAPLIN.

Rev. H. C. McKnight Gives Practical Sermon—Christmas Plans.

A strong and practical sermon was delivered at the church last Sunday by Rev. Harry C. McKnight of Northampton, who has been here on the text found in Deut. 34:3. Mr. McKnight was listened to attentively by the congregation and made a very favorable impression. Mr. McKnight is to preach again next Sunday.

Tree and Concert.

The Christian Mission chapel Sunday school of South Chaplin is to have Christmas tree and concert in the chapel on Christmas eve.

The Christian Endeavor society is to give a Christmas concert at the church next Monday evening. A social time with refreshments will follow.

Many wells and springs are dry. The water shortage is the most serious in many years.

WOODSTOCK

Rev. G. F. Waters Preaches in East Woodstock—Local Happenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Child were Sunday guests of relatives in Hartford.

Mrs. M. Riddick was in Waterbury last week.

E. R. Rollins gave his annual exhibition of tinted photographs last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. G. F. Waters preached in East Woodstock Sunday on account of the illness of Rev. F. A. Turner.

Cutting Nine-Inch Ice.

Several here are filling their ice-houses. The ice is of excellent quality. Invitations are out for the wedding on December 27 of Miss Elizabeth T. Carr and Leon Russell Goss Jean of Watkinson, N. Y. The ceremony will be at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. R. Ritten.

POMFRET CENTER

Robert Rust was in Boston the past week.

Miss Fay of Boston is visiting Miss M. A. Stanton.

Miss T. A. has been with Miss Stanton for the past year now has a fine position in New Haven.

Mrs. Clement Sharpe has returned from a visit in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Virginia and Mr. Carl Sharpe are home from their schools for the Christmas vacation.

Joseph Cutler of Putnam visited Charles P. Grosvenor Wednesday.

ASHFORD

William Poole spent Sunday at his home here.

Mrs. E. P. Adams, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

There will be a Christmas tree at the school house Christmas eve.

Bernice Bennett is helping Mrs. Adams during her illness.

John Kenerson is very feeble.

TOLLAND COUNTY

STORRS.

Vacation at the College—Christmas Cantata and Tree.

Examinations were held this week. The college closed on Wednesday for the holiday recess, to reopen January 2.

On Holiday Outings.

Miss Lillian Berry left Sunday for her home in Maine.

Miss Mary Rogers started for Pennsylvania on Wednesday night.

Miss Maud E. Mayes went on Thursday to Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Jarvis left on Tuesday for Canada, where they will spend the holidays in Montreal and Hamilton.

Mrs. Ella M. Slater has returned after a week spent in Bristol Ferry, R. I.

Miss Maud Huntington went to Hartford on Friday for a month's stay.

Christmas Cantata.

The Christmas cantata arranged for the children, given Friday morning, was a great success, largely due to the careful training of Mrs. Charles Taylor and the enthusiasm of the children. The tree was then dismantled with pleasure to the little people.

WILLINGTON

Plans for Christmas Exercises and New Year's Party.

It was voted to have the Christmas exercises of the Baptist Sunday school at the church on the evening of Friday the 26th inst.

New Year's party will be on Monday evening the 2nd of January, 1911. This arrangement seeming to be better than the first date proposed that of New Year's eve. That coming on Saturday night has many disadvantages.

Mrs. Charles H. Brown returned to Cozycroft from Asbury park on Friday.

Mrs. Slight is expected home for the holidays.

Mrs. Palmer who is in New York is improving in health.

The rising thermometer after the drop to zero and below was very agreeable. The melting snow may help to solve the water problem.

Mrs. Sayles of Saxton's River, Vt., was a guest at Cozycroft last week.

Mrs. Palmer and Smith were in attendance at the meetings of the state board of agriculture at Waterbury last week, at which time Mr. Lipp, Asbury, was awarded the prize for the best corn and Mr. Cosgrove was given the second prize for corn raised on his farm.

EAST WILLINGTON

Recent Farm Sales—Teacher's Novel Gifts to Pupils.

Grosvenor and Lyman Dowe have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. A. G. Baldwin. Grosvenor is one of the proprietors of the Elm Lawn farm, the early home of Mrs. Baldwin. Lyman has been assistant secretary of the S. N. E. road. Their father is business manager of the Southern Connecticut railroad.

The Bill Snow place has been sold to purchasers who expect to take possession any day. The present owner has bought the Joseph Spark place.

Edith Cushman of the Springs is spending Christmas with her parents.

The teacher of East Willington, Mrs. Selma Royce, always has a novel way of giving her Christmas presents to pupils. This year she presented every pupil a miniature Christmas tree on his desk in a box of assorted nuts with a present beside the box.

Mr. and Mrs. Cushman have a family gathering for Christmas at their home, the Misses Cushman place. They have made extensive repairs and are not through yet, the weather preventing their doing any more at present.

SOUTH COVENTRY.

Local People Leave for Warmer Climate—Christmas Tree at Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Parker and daughter expect to leave next week for California, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson are leaving today for Florida, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington for several months.

Miss Hattie M. Abro, went to Brooklyn Friday to visit her brother for an indefinite period. Her address will be 213 McDonough street, Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robertson and son are at Addison Kingsbury's.

Miss Helen Potter has returned from a visit with friends in Barre, Mass.

In New York for Holidays.

Miss Phoebe Stillman, teacher in the intermediate department at the Central

HEBRON

Christmas Exercises Held in the Schools.

Christmas exercises were combined at the Hebron Green school and a fine programme rendered. Following were the participants and the selections given:

Song, opening chorus, welcome, Herbert Porter; Good Tidings, Edward Raymond; The Real Christmas, Herman Brown; Christmas Tonight, Olive Tucker; song, Holy Night; Merry Christmas, Rosie Greenburg; selection, Annie Denay; selection, My Best Friend, William Jones; Christmas Dialogue, six little girls; Faith of Neighbor, Bob, Natalie Blinn, Christmas Carol, Lena Glass; Christmas at North Pole, Agnes Hanna; song, by school, Holly Boughs; Letter to Santa, Roger Porter; Santa and the Mouse, Helen Gilbert; dialogue, six little girls; selection, Elsie Jones; Christmas Hymn, James Noyes; Quotations, Mrs. O. Loomis, for Santa, Horace Williams; song, Christmas, by school.

General Local News.

All schools in Hebron closed December 20 for the Christmas vacation and will reopen Monday, January 2, 1911.

Supt. of Schools Sarah T. Palmer was in town last Monday.

Principal S. T. Marshall of the Hebron preparatory school, will spend his vacation in Westboro,